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TO: County Welfare Agency Directors
Institutional Services Section Area Supervisors
Statewide Determination Agencies

SUBJECT: Census 2000 Income Disregard

We have recently been advised by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) that the states have the option to disregard income earned by individuals and their families from Census 2000 employment when determining eligibility for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (NJ KidCare).

New Jersey has chosen to exercise this option and is disregarding earnings from Census 2000 employment in determining eligibility for all Medicaid programs and NJ KidCare Plans A, B, C, and D. Effective January 1, 2000, all wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to Census 2000 activities are to be excluded when determining eligibility. If you are aware of any families or children who were not granted eligibility in the Medicaid or NJ KidCare programs due to temporary employment related to Census 2000 activities, please make an attempt to outreach to them since earnings from this employment are to be disregarded when determining eligibility.

Questions concerning this communication should be referred to the Bureau of Eligibility Policy at (609) 588-2556.

Sincerely,

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